

26-4-7. Custody by medical examiner.

Upon notification under Section 26-4-8 or investigation by the medical examiner's office, the medical examiner shall assume custody of a deceased body if it appears that death was:

- (1) by violence, gunshot, suicide, or accident;
- (2) sudden death while in apparent good health;
- (3) unattended deaths, except that an autopsy may only be performed in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 26-4-9(3);
- (4) under suspicious or unusual circumstances;
- (5) resulting from poisoning or overdose of drugs;
- (6) resulting from diseases that may constitute a threat to the public health;
- (7) resulting from disease, injury, toxic effect, or unusual exertion incurred within the scope of the decedent's employment;
- (8) due to sudden infant death syndrome;
- (9) resulting while the decedent was in prison, jail, police custody, the state hospital, or in a detention or medical facility operated for the treatment of persons with a mental illness, persons who are emotionally disturbed, or delinquent persons;
- (10) associated with diagnostic or therapeutic procedures; or
- (11) described in this section when request is made to assume custody by a county or district attorney or law enforcement agency in connection with a potential homicide investigation or prosecution.

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